

(c) Scholarships and Freeships are being sanctioned on the basis of poverty and eligibility on the recommendations of the Principals of each college and other concerned officers.

(d) Scholarships and Freeships are being sanctioned to eligible boys and girls by the Directorate of Backward Class and Minorities as per the Havanur Report.

(e) This question does not arise in view of reply given above.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗಂಗಣ್ಣ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ೯೪ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದ ಕಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ೫೮ ಸಂಜೆ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಾನೂನು ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಂಜೆ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲಾ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಇವೆಯೆಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಮತ್ತೆ ಎರಡನೆಯದು ಪ್ರಾಚಾರ್ಯರು ಯಾರು? ಅವರ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿವೇತನವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಯಾವ ಪ್ರಾಚಾರ್ಯರು ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ? ಮತ್ತೆ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಯಾರು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು?

† ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ.ಬಿ. ಶಂಕರರಾವ್.—ಸಂಜೆ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು ಮತ್ತು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಯಾರೂ ಎನ್ನುವ ವಿವರಗಳು ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸದ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗಂಗಣ್ಣ.—ಹಣ ಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದೂ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಅದು ೭೭-೭೮ ರಂದು ಪಾವತಿಯಾಗಿದೆ, ಅದು ಈ ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ; ಯಾರೂ ಅಲ್ಪಸಂಖ್ಯಾತರು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ, ಅವರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ರೀ ಎಂಬರ್ಸ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು, ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡದೆ ಫೀ ಷಿಪ್ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಟಾಲರ್‌ಷಿಪ್ ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಪೇಪರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಅದು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿಗೆ ಮುಟ್ಟಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿಗೆ ತಲುಪಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಪೇಪರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡಲಿ. ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಹೋದರೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗೆ ಮನೆಗೆ ಅಲಿಯಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ.ಬಿ. ಶಂಕರರಾವ್.—ಇದನ್ನು ಗಮನದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗಂಗಣ್ಣ.—ಈಗ ಎಕ್ಸಾಮಿನೇಷನ್ ಫೀ ಏನು ಮಾಫ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರೂ ಕೂಡ ಏನಿವುಮ್ ೨ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಕೊಡಲೇ ಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆ ಎರಡು ರೂಪಾಯಿಯನ್ನು ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆಯಬಾರದು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ.ಬಿ. ಶಂಕರರಾವ್.—ಇದು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಕಾಗದ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ವಿಚಾರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Electrification to Villages in the State.

194 SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of villages electrified in the State as at the end of 1977 (District wise particulars be furnished);

(b) the number of villages electrified in Gulbarga District as at the end of 1977 (Particulars of each Taluk with the total number of villages and number of villages electrified in each taluk be furnished);

(c) whether the Government is aware that there are several panchayats which are not providing bulbs to the street poles in the villages which have been electrified;

† Indicates that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

(d) whether the Government is proposing to provide bulbs or tubelights to the street poles?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Agriculture) [on behalf of] SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).[—

(a) The number of Census Villages electrified in Karnataka as at the end of 1977 is 14,703. The Districtwise particulars are furnished in Annexure-1. (Laid on the table) *

(b) The total Number of Census Villages electrified in Gulbarga District as on 31-3-1977 is 627. The number of Villages (Census) electrified as against the existing census villages in Gulbarga District (Taluk wise) is furnished in Annexure-2. (Laid on the table). *

(c) Yes.

(d) A bulb is being provided at the time of switching on. All subsequent replacement are required to be borne by the concerned panchayaths.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—The villages that have been electrified as on 31-3-1977 are 14,703. That means about 50% of villages in Karnataka are yet to be electrified. What steps the Government is going to take to electrify these remaining 14 thousand villages and will the Government give importance to it and provide sufficient funds to see that these villages are electrified?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—The percentage of villages in the State that are electrified is about 60.64%. I understand that there is a lot of meaning in telling that 'the remaining villages that are to be electrified' is in still more larger dimension. In fact the KEB have got a scheme to electrify all these villages stage by stage. As you are aware, the KEB requires huge funds and secondly, the availability of electricity is also important. Of course, the situation as on to-day is very well improved so far as the availability of the power is concerned. Apart from this, for procuring materials like the poles, wires, etc., the KEB is trying to get funds by way of deposits from public. We would provide electricity to all these villages stage by stage and as soon as possible, depending upon the availability of nds. We are trying to get funds through so many sources.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—The paramount importance is providing drinking water to villages. The villages are non provided with drink-

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ing water supply, for want of electricity. Will the Government think of providing Electricity to such of those villages where there is drinking water scarcity ?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—Apart from the availability of electricity, the question of funds and availability of aluminium *etc.*, are there. They are not available. The Government have got certain schemes to electrify these villages as far as possible to provide drinking water facility.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಎಚ್. ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ಅವರೇಜ್ ವಿನು ಇದೆ, ಅಷ್ಟು electricity ಕೆಲವು ಕಡೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ, ಕೆಲವು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಕೊಡದೆ ಇರುವಂತಹ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸಿ ರೂರಲ್ ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಫಿಕೇಷನ್ ಸ್ಕೀಮ್ ಪೂರೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಗುಲ್ಬರ್ಗಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಎಷ್ಟು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳು ಸೇರಿವೆ ? ಸೇರಿದ್ದಿದ್ದರೆ ಸೇರಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್ ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಸದ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲ, ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶೇಲ್ಕುರವರ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದು ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಆದರೂ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ತರಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—To my question,

‘Whether the Government is aware that there are several panchayats which are not providing bulbs to the street poles in the villages which have been electrified’.

The reply is that only one bulb is being provided at the time of switching on of the electricity. Now the question is that the Government is spending lakhs of rupees for providing electricity to these villages. Why not we spend Rs. 50 to 100 more for providing bulbs to Panchayats. People are facing lot of inconvenience to move about in the darkness in villages. Will the Government think of providing bulbs to these panchayats where there are absolutely no bulbs?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—At the time of electrifying villages one bulb for a holder is provided by the Government. Now at the time of electrifying, for all the holders the bulbs will be provided by the Government. But, what happens is, sometime afterwards all these bulbs will not be working. Some times they go out of order. It is the bounden duty of the concerned Village Panchayats to see that these bulbs are replaced. Some of the Village Panchayats are really doing excellent job and are providing bulbs at their cost. But some of them are not having funds. They are, no doubt, in a position to provide bulbs wherever the bulbs have gone out of order. But some of these panchayats have not applied their mind to collect dues from the people. They are not collecting even small dues on account of some local politics. I do not say that this is the only reason. There are other reasons also. Government is seriously thinking as to what to

do because under the present system we are giving poles and bulbs at the time of providing electricity and afterwards when these bulbs go out of order, the Village Panchayats are not providing new ones. Therefore, Government is seriously thinking of an alternative to provide bulbs to these Village Panchayats, which are not in a position to replace the bulbs when they go out of order.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—There are some panchayat which are having funds and inspite of that they are not providing bulbs even after repeated requests. I had suggested to the Government to just provide through Taluk Development Boards, I think, out of the amount given to them. I would like to know whether the Government can take steps to see that these villages where the panchayats are purposely not providing bulbs, are also provided with bulbs. In so many villages, I have seen for years together no bulbs are provided even though the Panchayats have got sufficient funds.

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—The Hon. Member is referring to those Village Panchayats which are financially sound but are not providing bulbs. I do not say such points are related to the ideas of the villagers who have voted such panchayats, group of people to power. Therefore, it is a question worth considering in the light of the Village Panchayats Act. The Government will have to think whether such Panchayats will have to be allowed to function or not.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Will the Hon. Minister think of taking over the responsibility of supplying electricity and making payments? There are certain Panchayats which are not paying electricity Bills and consequently, the K.E.B. people have dis-connected electricity supply.

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—Sir, the intention of the Government is to see that powers are decentralised. That is why powers are given to the Panchayats which are, I consider, one of the four pillars of democratic functioning. Therefore, these powers are given. As the Hon. Member puts if the Panchayats are not looking after all these things, then it is a matter for serious consideration. Certainly, Government will take into consideration the suggestion made by the Hon. Member.

SRI K. BHASKAR NAIDU.—Can the Hon. Minister say that by the end of this century all the villages in Karnataka will be electrified?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—The end of this century is not far off. Any how I am happy to state that by the end of this century, all the villages will be electrified.